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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

On this day when we will dedicate the Korean War Veterans Memorial we recall those who served with dedication and honor over the years of the conflict and whose lives we remember with gratitude and appreciation. We pray, O gracious God, that our recollection of their devotion to duty, honor, and country will remind every person of their sacrifice and their willingness to serve at the Nation's call. May Your blessing, O God, that is new every morning and unites each person in peace, be with them who served and with their families, that Your grace will abide in their lives, now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida [Mr. JOHNSTON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, an-

nounced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 21. An act to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces there will be ten 1-minutes on each side.

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, all too often the war in Korea—which ended 42 years ago—is referred to as the forgotten war. That reference will end—once and for all—today as America rightfully remembers a war and its warriors who served this Nation with honor, courage, and dignity. This afternoon, thousands of veterans of that demanding and difficult conflict will gather on The Mall to dedicate an impressive memorial which is long overdue and richly deserved.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial will be a lasting tribute to the 54,246 Americans killed in Korea between 1950 and 1953. They fought with determination and valor, and in the end these brave Americans turned the tide of battle from near-certain defeat into victory.

Behind every war-related statistic there is a face, a family, a story, and a

sacrifice. Those who came home deserve a place to remember those who did not. That place will be dedicated today. On this occasion, it is both fitting and appropriate to remind ourselves that we cannot live in a land of the free without first honoring the brave.

To the veterans of Korea, you are appreciated by a grateful nation.

A TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY HEUER

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 25, the life of Brittany Heuer was taken away from us. Brittany was only 18 years old.

Just a short 2 years ago, Brittany served as a page here in the people's House. Brittany's tremendous personality, her beautiful smile, and her willingness to help each and every one of us was always present here on this floor. But what makes this passing even more painful to the Members of the House, if you think carefully, Brittany's dad, Gary, doorman for the Sergeant at Arms, strong but gentle man, is also seated out here on the Republican side, friend to all of us, always working hard to take care of our interests. Now he pains deeply.

My colleagues, on behalf of all of the Members of the House, we want to extend to Gary and his beautiful wife Ginger, daughter Ashley, and all the Heuer family and friends our deepest sympathy.

The viewing will be today from 2 to 4 and from 6 to 8 p.m. in Waldorf, MD at the Hunt Funeral Home. Services will be Friday, the 28th, at 10 a.m. at the Hunt Funeral Home in Waldorf, MD.

My colleagues, may the good Lord keep Brittany and may the good Lord keep an eye on the Heuer family in this sad, sad time.

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